

A Stirring Appeal.

On the 10th ult. Senator Mitchell made a stirring appeal in behalf of Oregon; an appeal to Senators for co-operation in securing needed aid to the commerce of the Pacific coast, from it we quote:

Desirous, as I frankly confess I am, to merit the good opinion of my constituents by my labors in their behalf, I trust I shall, in the measure now under consideration, be able to convince the senate that the end sought to be gained in this instance is one that is neither visionary, impracticable, nor in any sense void of merit; but rather one demanding in the name of the commerce of our country respectful and earnest consideration, and early and prompt action.

The subject is one to be viewed in the more enlarged intelligence and comprehensive vision of general commercial advancement and national prosperity. The time was, within the memory of the present generation of the Great West, extending from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific and from the British dominions to Mexico, was comparatively a wilderness, and when the waters of the Pacific ocean bordering on these extended shores were undisturbed by the ships of commerce.

The inquiring and enterprising spirit of the age, however, has wrought a change. Emigration set its foot thitherward; territories were organized, states created, society established, cities built, agriculture, mechanic arts, mining, manufactures—all have sprung into existence, and to-day the Pacific slope is in point of wealth, natural resources, not to speak of its unquestionable prospective greatness, an empire in itself; the Pacific ocean, whose waters beat forever on the golden shores of the far west, are thronged by the ships of all nations and enlivened by the busy commerce of the world.

Indeed, so rapid has been the transition state of the growth and prosperity of the Pacific coast that a mere statement of the real facts seems to strike eastern ears as the rehearsal of an Arabian tale—the mere product of imagination. Hence the difficulty in concentrating the public mind and inducing public action in reference to these matters of such vital importance, not only to the Pacific coast but to the country at large.

I appreciate and frankly concede this difficulty in attracting public attention to crying wants of our commerce upon the Pacific coast is not the result of any disposition on the part of eastern or southern statesmen to ignore any section of the country, but rather the result of a not surprising failure upon the part of those who have never visited the Pacific slope to note and comprehend the rapidity of the change by which the late frontiers of the west have been transformed into an empire of greatness, of commercial wealth, and political, social, and moral power.

It is in vain that the six senators and seven or eight representatives of the Pacific coast can raise their voices and bend their energies in favor of national legislation in the interest of the commerce of the far west, unless indeed we can engage the attention and secure the influence of our eastern and southern friends. To you, fellow senators, whose long experience upon this floor makes your influence and power felt and recognized, not alone in the councils of the nation, but throughout the land, I appeal, basing it as I do upon no slimy fabric woven by the imagination, but upon facts and statistics as irrefragable as truth itself.

I ask in the name of the suffering commerce of the west and in the interests of the real growth and prosperity of our nation, to extend a helping hand, that the blessings of national legislation in aid of national commerce and for its protection, may extend in equal measures to all states and sections, to all rivers and harbors in our great republic. Whatever national aid

is given to encourage our commerce, whether internal or external, even in the remotest portions of our national heritage, is not lost, but returns in vitalizing influence and power to strengthen the heart and energize our whole national being.

Mr. Mitchell supported his argument by facts and figures which it is not necessary that we should reproduce to-day, as they are facts and figures with which our readers are very familiar, much of them having been compiled in this city, relating to the great fertility of our wheat producing valleys, etc.

Mr. Mitchell continues: The ablest and most far-seeing statesman of a quarter of a century ago had not the faintest conception of the immense natural resources, the wonderful capabilities, the vital elements, the internal and external wealth, and commercial greatness and grandeur of the western shores of this continent.

Daniel Webster, in speaking of California in this chamber in 1850, (I quote from a recent work), used this language: I am sure that everybody has become satisfied that although California may have a very great seaboard and a large city at two, yet that the agricultural products of the whole surface now are not and never will be equal to one-half part of those of the state of Illinois, nor yet a fourth or perhaps a tenth part.

Yet, notwithstanding this prophetic declaration from the lips of one of the ablest, most far-seeing, and eminent statesmen this country has ever known, before twenty-four years had passed away California produced more wheat per annum by \$2,191,280 in value than the state of Illinois, and more by \$1,063,480 in value than any other state in the Union, while to-day its wheat crop exceeds in value that of the state of Illinois by more than \$15,000,000; its barley crop is over four times that of Illinois; its wool crop double that of Illinois and greater than that of any other state in the Union except Ohio.

But not only so; the Pacific states and territories in 1877 exported about 40 per cent. of the total exports of wheat from the United States to foreign lands, perhaps not so much the past year owing to the drouth in California, and the day is not in the distant future when over one-half of all the wheat exported from the United States will be grown in the State of California and Oregon and territory of Washington, while Oregon and Washington, I confidently predict, will produce over half of this amount, of one-fourth of our total exports.

Although the Pacific belt, from Behring strait to the thirty-third parallel of north latitude and from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, is the greatest gold and silver producing area in the world, producing annually over eighty millions of these precious metals, yet this annual product of this extended field, immense and princely in value as it is, is to-day dwarfed into comparative insignificance in commercial value and national importance by its annual contributions to the commerce of the world in the shape of grain, lumber, timber, fruits, wine, fish, wool and kindred products.

In speaking of this subject the Chicago Journal of Commerce, in a recent editorial, makes this truthful statement: When Oregon and Washington came into actual possession of our people, who ever dreamed that they would ever become distinguished for the abundance of good qualities of their wheat fields? And yet ordinary men, attracted to the Pacific coast by the reports from its mines, its fish, and its game, but were disappointed in their expectations, relieved their fortunes by sowing and reaping wheat and cultivating fruit.

And now this immense coast is the wonder of all lands, for it pours in the lap of commerce grain, fruits, and fish beyond any other country known to man.

Yes, Mr. President, well may this influential patron and advocate of the nation's commerce speak of the Pacific coast in reference to its grain, its fruits, its fish as the "wonder of all lands," and of its contributions to the "lap of commerce" as being beyond any other country known to man.

Well may it be said, in the apt and scriptural quotations of Professor Rogers, Ellis Thompson, of the university of Pennsylvania, in a recent article from his pen of our commercial future, and that the great north Pacific is "a land where thou shalt eat bread without

scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass." (Deut., viii, 9.)

"Most people 'take a look at the advertisements.' If they read those of other people, why will they not see yours?"

BORN.

In this city, Feb. 18th, to the wife of Columbus Brown, a son.

DIED.

In Astoria, Feb. 18, 1879, of diphteria after 15 days illness, CARRE SOPH. A. daughter of Wm. and Jacobine Oiska, aged 11 years, 6 months and 21 days.

Funeral will take place to-day, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the house.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WARRANT LOST.—In this city, on or about the 4th of February, a City Warrant, No. 891, drawn in favor of Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, for the sum of \$25 00. All persons are cautioned against purchasing the same as notice has been given and payment stopped. J. E. THOMAS, Astoria, Feb. 18, 1879. G&W-101

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A FULL ASSORTMENT WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT THE

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Fresh Garden Seeds,

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T. & P. N. HANNA,

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J. W. ROBB. C. W. FULTON. ROBB & FULTON, Attorneys-at-Law, Collecting and Real Estate Agents. Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Dr. Welch's new building, Squemacque street, Astoria.

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DR. I. M. SEVERN. Graduate University of Pennsylvania. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. EXAMINING SURGEON OF PENSIONS. Office.—Larsen's building. Office Hours.—8 A. M. to 10 A. M. and 6 P. M. to 8 P. M. At night can be found at Turpin House. ASTORIA, OREGON.

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DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. Having permanently located in Astoria, tenders his services to the citizens of this place. Office.—For the present at his residence corner of Main and Jefferson streets.

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Regular sales day, SATURDAYS at 2 P. M. N. B. Parties having real estate, furniture or any other goods to dispose of either at auction or private sale should notify me soon as convenient before the day of sale. No storage charged on goods sold at Auction. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

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HENRY ROTHE, PROPRIETOR. THIS IS A NEW HOTEL BUILDING. Newly furnished, is conveniently situated to business, and will be conducted so as to make it a first class stopping place for the public generally, and will be open from this day.

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